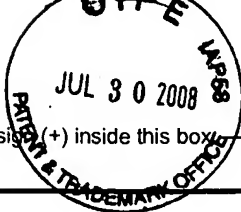


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Application Number	10/748,174
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Inventor(s)	Lukas TROSMAN et al.
Group Art Unit	3663
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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

☐ Fee Transmittal Form

☐ Fee Attached

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☐ Assignment Papers
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____ Sheets of Formal Drawing(s)

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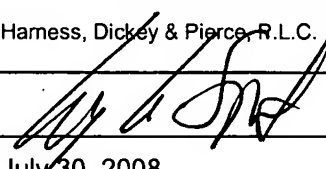
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Filing Date: December 31, 2003 Examiner: J. P. Mondt
Applicant: Lukas TROSMAN et al.
Title: DISTRIBUTED CLUMPING OF PART-LENGTH RODS FOR A
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2,
Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

	Claims remaining after		Highest number previously paid		Present extra
Total	8	-	20	=	0
Independent	3	-	3	=	0